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NEWS AND COMMENT.

COMMANDER WASHBURN MAYNARD, of Tennessee, has been promoted to be Captain in the United States Navy.

THE ex Confederate soldiers of Marshall county have decided to erect a handsome monument on the public square at Lewisburg, to the memory of their gallant dead.

DAVIDSON COUNTY Democrats will hold two primaries this spring—one for the selection of candidates for county offices and another for the selection of delegates to the State convention.

THE Chicago labor troubles have spread to machinists all over the country, and may involve 1,000,000 men, causing plants aggregating millions of capital to be shut down indefinitely.

SOMETIME ago, the Republicans were asking on what issue the Democrats could possibly make their fight this fall. Now they are asking which of many issues that party will emphasize.

NOW some one ought to introduce a resolution of sympathy with Senator Mason. Every time he gets the floor the Senate goes into executive session and Billy loses his audience. It's a downright mean trick.

AFTER Dr. Parkhurst had testified for two hours before the grand jury at New York Thursday that body returned twelve indictments against thirty men for keeping gambling houses and disorderly places.

THE Supreme Court, in the case involving the estate of the late Col. E. W. Cole at Nashville, handed down an opinion Saturday, granting to the county trustee the right to back assess and reassess. This decision means a considerable amount of revenue for the State.

MANY new cotton mill companies were chartered or projected in the South last week. In South Carolina the capital stock of the new companies aggregated nearly \$750,000; in Georgia \$300,000 and in Texas \$100,000. Many more companies will be formed this week, among them being one at Itasca, Tex., capital, \$100,000; Pittsburg, Tex., \$50,000; Corsicana, Tex., \$150,000. Eight other cotton mill companies in various parts of Texas are well under way. Each will have a capital of \$100,000.

UNLESS some unexpected change occurs in the situation, the Republicans will enter on the fall campaign with a heavy load to bear. The Philippine rebellion is apparently as far from a conclusion as ever; the ship subsidy bill, though modified, is still almost as vicious as it was; the Hay-Pauncefote treaty has been made even more obnoxious and dangerous by its much lauded amendment, while the Porto Rican bill, however decided, will be a mill stone around the necks of those who were so willing to surrender principle to expediency.

THE yellow press is now endeavoring to get up a war between Russia and Japan. Correspondents who were rushed to Japan in anticipation of such an event found everything serene and no foundation whatever for the rupture. The arrival of the correspondents, however, and the persistence with which the yellow journals cling to the imminence of war between the two governments, have set the Japs to thinking and talking, and the conviction seems forced upon them that where there is so much smoke there must be some fire.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Two Negroes Given Sentences Last Saturday.

In the case of Russell Jones, colored, charged with selling liquor without a license, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, in the Criminal Court Saturday, fining the defendant \$50 and costs and sentencing him to six months in the work-house.

Manse Grigsby, colored, charged with assault and battery, was fined \$25 and costs.

PUBLIC BUILDING.

Bill Asking for \$200,000 to Build one at Columbia Introduced in Congress.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Representative Cox introduced a bill to-day to erect a public building at Columbia at a cost of \$200,000.

CHANGE OF FRONT

Wharton Golden Alleged to Have Confessed to a Knowledge of the Awful Conspiracy.

A SERGEANT IN THE STATE MILITIA

"I'm Saving Myself From the Pen; Maybe From the Gallows." He is Reported to Have Said.

The Assassin of Goebel Hired to Fire the Treacherous Shot.—A Suspect Now Under Arrest Involved.—Astounding Revelations.

Barboursville, Ky., March 19.—It was said here Sunday that Sergt. F. W. Golden, of the local company of state guards, has allied himself with attorneys for the prosecution of the assassins of William Goebel, and has divulged much information concerning the men now in custody at Frankfort. His cousin, Green Golden, of the state guards, returned from Frankfort Saturday night and gave it out that Wharton Golden, the sergeant, had turned to the other side, and that Caleb Powers had told him to keep Wharton from going to Frankfort. But Wharton had left before the arrival of his cousin. Among the men in this section who were present in Frankfort when Goebel was assassinated were Milt Trostler, John Golden and a young man named Ricketts, all of whom reside on farms adjoining that of Caleb Powers' father on Brush creek.

Wharton Golden is said to have stated here a few days ago that one of the men now held at Frankfort had offered these three boys \$1,200 if they would put Goebel out of the way. He says they refused to take the money. Wharton Golden also said that he was afraid that these boys would tell on the men when the trial came up.

John L. Powers, brother of Caleb Powers, and for whom there is a warrant of arrest, came into town Sunday on the assurance of Sheriff Reese that he would not arrest him. He has been hiding in Harlan county and on his father's farm. Many of the republicans here are very much incensed over the arrest of Caleb Powers, and declare that they will go to Frankfort if necessary and take him out of custody. The majority of these people say that even if Powers had some connection with the assembling of the mob at Frankfort on January 25, he is not guilty of the crime of assassination, because, as they say, he did not fire the shot. It became known to the republicans at Frankfort last week that Capt. J. E. Hawn, of Company D, 2d regiment of the state guards, had informed Mr. Beckham that he would recognize him, and was ready to make whatever disposition he saw fit of the 84 rifles and 3,000 rounds of ammunition in his possession.

Mr. Beckham sent one of his officers to Barboursville, with instructions to have Hawn pack and slip the rifles to Capt. Longmire at Lexington, but before this could be done Lieut. Col. Morp came here with orders from Gen. Collier to Hawn, telling him to turn the rifles and ammunition over to Lieut. Gibson. This Hawn refused to do, whereupon Lieut. Gibson, with an armed force, broke open the arsenal and took the rifles. The ammunition, however, is stored in the vault of the bank of Miller & Miller, who have refused to give it up except on the verbal order of Capt. Hawn. A stenographer in the employ of the attorneys for the prosecution of Powers and others came here from Frankfort to take the depositions of several witnesses who have been summoned to the trials of these men. When his presence and purpose became known a crowd of about 20 wanted to lynch him. He was saved from the mob by Sergt. Wharton Golden, who, under the pretense of becoming the leader of the mob, so arranged matters that the stenographer got away.

Lexington, Ky., March 19.—For several hours Sunday Thomas C. Campbell, of New York; Robert R. Franklin, commonwealth's attorney, and James Polsgrove, county attorney, of Franklin county, and F. W. Golden, Barboursville, were in consultation at the Phoenix hotel. The first named three are attorneys for the prosecution in the case of those accused of complicity in the assassination of William Goebel, and Golden is a sergeant in the Barboursville company of mountain militia, of which John L. Powers is the captain.

At 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon Campbell went to Cincinnati and a couple of hours later Franklin and Polsgrove returned to Frankfort. Golden left Sunday night on the east-bound C. & O. train. At the depot he was asked by a militiaman as to his mission here. It is stated that his reply was: "I am saving myself from a term in the pen, and maybe the gallows."

He refused to talk to newspaper men at all.

SAY IT IS A FAKE.

Lexington, Ky., March 20.—Sergt. F.

Wharton Golden, republican member of the Barboursville company of the State Guard, who is alleged to have turned state's evidence and exposed Sunday to the Goebel attorneys the details of a plot to assassinate Goebel, spent Sunday night in Richmond. He returned here Monday. He went to Richmond to secure further testimony against the men accused of complicity in the assassination. Republicans here say Golden's whole story is a fake. They say they can not understand how Golden, who was considered a staunch republican, could turn against his friends.

SET FOR FRIDAY.

The Examining Trials of Caleb Powers, John Davis and William H. Culton.

Frankfort, Ky., March 20.—Caleb Powers, John Davis and Wm. H. Culton, charged with being accessories to the murder of Wm. Goebel, were arraigned for trial before Judge Moore. The commonwealth announced not ready and by agreement the trials were set for next Friday, at which time County Attorney Polsgrove said he thought he could get his witnesses and not ask a further continuance.

Ex-Governor John Young Brown made a demand for a list of witnesses for the commonwealth, but this was refused by the attorney for the prosecution on the ground that publicity might cause some of them to avoid being summoned.

Commonwealth Attorney Franklin and County Attorney Polsgrove refuse to either affirm or deny the story that Sergeant Golden has made alleged confession of knowledge concerning Goebel assassination.

THEY WILL PUSH IT.

Sheldon's Idea to Be Continued in a Modified Form.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 16.—As a result of the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon's experiment this week in conducting the Topeka Capital as a Christian newspaper, there is almost certain to be a marked change in the permanent policy and style of the publication. To the correspondent of the Associated Press, F. O. Pope, principal owner of the paper, said to-night:

"When we turned the Capital over to Mr. Sheldon we fully expected to restore it to the old form, line for line and letter for letter; but after considering the matter during the week, we have decided that some changes can be made which will be advantageous. The changes to be made will definitely be decided upon, a meeting of the owners to be held Monday, and the new policy will be announced in the paper Tuesday morning."

It is said that the underlying principles of Mr. Sheldon's plan will be carried out, but that his personal opinions will not necessarily be followed. The paper will remain a Republican in politics, but in other respects it is not likely to depart radically from the Sheldon platform.

BIG PHOSPHATE DEAL.

Lands in the Seventeenth District Sold for \$17,140.

Deeds for the sale of phosphate lands amounting in the aggregate to \$17,140 have been filed in the Register's office at this place. The lands referred to all lie in the seventeenth district, and were bought by several different parties, who, it is understood, will combine for the purpose of mining the phosphate thereon. The proposed Columbia & Swan Valley Railroad, which joins the L. & N. at Carter's Creek, will pass through these lands, and as soon as it is completed the mines will be opened.

The deeds registered were as follows: C. J. Choate and wife to Dudley & Daniels, 102 acres, \$4,212; S. D. Forgey et al. to William Dudley, 37 acres, \$937; 50 Mrs. Dorcas Payne to G. N. Tillman, 23 acres, \$3,000; J. G. Gardner and wife to G. N. Tillman, 30 acres, \$2,000; J. H. Payne and wife to G. N. Tillman, 50 acres, \$3,000; R. C. Puckett and wife to G. N. Tillman, 28 acres, \$2,000; W. W. Page and wife to G. N. Tillman, right to mine phosphate on 350 acres, \$2,000.

BEAUTIFUL SAPPHIRES.

One of the Best Collections of the Blue Stones.

The Empress of Russia has the most beautiful sapphires in the world, and she also possesses a wonderful collection of turquoise, though it is not equal to that of the B. ronesse Burdett's outsize, who is said to have the finest collection that exists.

One of the most valuable and interesting of gems is the sapphire, and it is only less costly than the diamond and the ruby. Dark, indigo-hued stones and the pale-blue ones are beautiful, but the most prized tint of all is a lovely cornflower blue.

Turquoise of remarkable beauty are becoming more and more rare. The character of this gem adds to its interest, for it is believed to have some sort of sympathy for its wearer. It is said to grow paler if its owner becomes ill, and to lose its beauty entirely if worn by a person of muddy complexion. Probably these sensitive turquoise come from the Arabian mines, which have not a good name among jewelers, on account of the liability of the stones to change color.

Persia has the most famous turquoise mines in the world, which have been worked no less than eight centuries. These pretty stones, however, are to be found in many parts of the world, including Saxony.

THE FACTS

CALLED FOR.

Card From Leading Business Men of Columbia

TO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH.

Exaggerated Smallpox Reports are Damaging the Business Interests of Columbia—How Many Cases are There? Who are They? Where are They?

An open letter from the business men of Columbia to the Honorable Board of Health of Maury County.

GENTLEMEN:—As business men and taxpayers of Columbia and Maury county, and believing that the present exaggerated and highly colored smallpox scare which is now proving so detrimental to the business interests of this town and county, has been caused more by the suppression of facts than anything else, we call upon you for the following information, predicated on our right to do so upon the fact that as taxpayers, we are largely supporters of the city and county government.

How many cases of smallpox are there now in Columbia?

Where are they located?

How many cases are there in Maury county outside of Columbia?

Who are they?

Where are they located?

How many deaths have resulted, actually from smallpox, in this city since the disease first made its appearance here?

Who were they?

Do you not think that the fear caused by wild and exaggerated rumors now flying over the county would be allayed by publishing the facts as they are?

Don't you think it would be much better to sink personal prejudices and personal interests and join in an earnest effort to, not only stamp out the disease, but allay the useless fear that now over-spreads the county?

Awaiting your reply, we are,

Very Respectfully,

McKennon, Anderson & Foster,

Dobbins & Ewing,

J. Rosenthal,

Geo. S. Alcorn,

Henry Gross,

Robt. Berg,

James Bros.,

Frierson & Tucker, Ins. Agents,

T. K. Jones,

Chaffin Bros.,

J. P. Street & Co.,

M. D. King,

R. C. Gant & Bro.,

Satterfield & Dodson,

Harlan & Ritter,

Dave Logatzky

McKennon & Nichols,

C. A. Parker,

T. N. Figueers,

Watkins Harlan & Evans,

C. H. Sharp,

P. Svensburg,

T. C. Petri & Bro.,

E. Gross,

A. J. Nichols,

Maury Dry Goods Co.,

Gordon & Rutledge.

Member Board of Health, Maury Co.

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Vaccination.

At a called meeting of the County Board of Health Monday morning the attention of the board was directed to the fact of the people had been misinformed as to free vaccination, and this is to inform them correctly.

The physicians officially appointed to vaccinate in the different wards and districts will cheerfully vaccinate all persons free of charge, who are not able to pay for it, but anyone able to pay will be expected to do so.

J. L. VOORHIES, Board of Health.

E. D. LOONEY, Health.

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THE HEALTH BOARD.

County Health Officer Will Hereafter Make His Reports Weekly.

At a meeting of the County Health Board last Saturday, a resolution was adopted requiring the County Health Officer to hereafter make his reports on the smallpox situation weekly, instead of daily. These reports will be made every Monday, and the officer is required to embrace in them every case in the county. This method, it was thought by the Board, will enable the officer to make his reports fuller and more satisfactory.

COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

Reports 11 New Cases, Making a Total of 17.

The County Health Officer Monday morning reported the following new smallpox cases, found since the report in the Herald Friday:

Joe Nicks, (white), age 19, 100 Gal-lowsay street; Tom Douglas, (white), age 28, 73 South High street; Tom Shires, (col.), 10 East 4th street; Maj. Bryant, Edith, Robert, John, Jennie and "Es-quire" Griffith, Cornelius and Mattie Curley, all colored, living at 60 West 8th street.

This makes a total of 17 new cases reported by the Health Officer up to date.

[EDITORIAL NOTE.—It is fair to presume that in a week's time the Health Officer has found nearly if not quite all the cases existing inside the corporate limits. These cases, with those reported to-day and the six heretofore reported, aggregate 23. But there is another feature worth observing. A careful reading of the above will disclose the fact that 8 of the 11 cases reported are colored, and live in one house, No. 60 West 8th street. That, so far as the general public is concerned, amounts to only one exposure. This is, there is no more danger of the disease spreading from these 8 cases, than from one case. Nearly half of all the cases reported are in this one family, confined in this one

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minutes show that such an order was passed early in January, and our Health physician reported that he could not undertake it with any degree of satisfaction without the co-operation of the City Board.

There is one very striking circumstance in connection with your published petition from the business men of the city, and that is, they are a long time coming to the conclusion that they want a certified list of all smallpox patients in and around Columbia. Why have they waited for three months to make this request? Why have they not long since called upon their now defunct City Board to furnish them with this list? As a matter of fact, the reports of smallpox are not one half what they have been; as a matter of fact, we have only had charge five days, with no official list of patients turned over to us by the City Board of Health inside the city. We have taken the only preventive steps suggested by the State Board of Health and our local physicians. They all advise compulsory vaccination, and just as soon as we take steps to enforce this, we are called upon to furnish a certified list of patients.

We are not all doctors and we necessarily have to be governed by what they tell us. They say with one accord, compulsory vaccination; this may damage the trade of the town, it may make the people in the county think there is more of the disease in the community than there really is, but this, surely, is not the fault of the Board of Health. We are endeavoring to act for the general public's good, and that that is. There is one very potent part that presents itself in this connection, viz: that if these business men, in connection with their City Board of Health and Board of Mayor and Aldermen, had awakened to the importance of the situation several months since, and had taken these preventive steps, this disease would have been stamped out. All seem to be of this opinion.

But, by this as it may, the list asked for is being prepared, and will be furnished; also, the only remedy for the suppression of the disease. And, after having remained silent since Dec. 1, 1899, we only ask you to "stand by your guns" a while longer and if vaccination is the "antidote" for the evil, we guarantee that it shall be forth-coming, and that, too, at the earliest possible moment.

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hours. These facts and figures are encouraging. They should be telephoned all over this and surrounding counties, and correspondents to the Nashville papers should send them in. If the general public can be made to understand the true condition of affairs as they actually exist in Columbia, business will speedily be resumed, and the health of the community will be none the worse off.]

A later report shows that the 8 cases reported at No. 60 West 8th street, was a mistake as to location; the house referred to is on West End street, and not in the corporation. The number of new cases reported inside the corporation up to date, therefore, is only 9.

EFFECT ON MAURY COUNTY.

Only Two or Three Officers Will Be Benefitted

By the Decision of the Supreme Court, Declaring the Ester Law Unconstitutional.

Since the Supreme Court at Nashville has decided that the Ester law is unconstitutional, the question has arisen, how will it affect Maury County?

It may be safely stated that only two officers, and probably three, will be affected in this county. Up to the present only two officers have received as much salary as is allowed them by the Ester law. These are the Register and the County Court Clerk, they being the only ones who "paid out" last year. The Sheriff would have made over his salary had he not paid his deputies \$50 each per month, as was required by the Ester law. However, the Jarvis law curtails his fees to the amount of \$300 or \$350 per year, and consequently he will not be affected in any great measure. The Circuit Court Clerk will not be affected, as the Jarvis law cuts his fees about \$800 per year, and it will be almost impossible for him to make his salary. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that the Jarvis law saves the county about \$3,000 per annum, nearly \$2,000 of this, perhaps, being in witness fees.

Register Latta will receive more benefit from the Supreme Court's decision than anyone else, as he nearly doubled his salary last year, and will doubtless be allowed "back-rations."

Only eight or ten counties in the State, it is thought, will be affected by the decision.

IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.

Spring Hill Citizens to Meet the Demand for Homes.

SPRING HILL, March 15.—An improvement company is being organized among the business men at this place. So far about twenty of the most substantial merchants and property owners have obligated themselves to take stock. The men in charge have selected about five acres of land in the south end of town, and have made the owner a proposition. This land will be divided into ten or twelve lots, and dwellings will then be erected thereon. At present there are no vacant dwellings here, and quite a demand for them. It is claimed, the deal will be closed within the next few days, and that work will be commenced at once.

MISS ANNIE EVANS

Appointed Chief Maid of Honor For Miss Crawford.

A letter from Gen. Geo. W. Gordon, Commander for this division, states that Miss Katie Crawford of Memphis, has been appointed sponsor for this department at the Louisville ex-Confederate reunion, and that Miss Annie F. Evans, of this city, has been named by Gen. Lee as her chief Maid of Honor. This is an honor most worthily bestowed, and Miss Evans is to be congratulated upon receiving the appointment.

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